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greetings

HEY BOOMERS!

Prepare for a party pooper free zone for next issues' fifth birthday issue. I may hire a bouncer for the event to keep out anyone not quite up to the mark. That way I could enjoy the event without laying eyes on the editorial humes! See below for more info - but first, here's what's happening this issue ...

Sonic's having his worst Mobius nightmare involving Robotnik and his latest insane plan. Find out why he feels (and looks) so strange in the final exciting episode of **Robotnik Reigns Supreme**.

Tails teams up with Detective Harry Mole at the Museum of Arty Art where a priceless exhibit has gone astray. Will the culprit be caught? Find out in **Clear As Mud!**

Chuck, Igor and Head turn up the heat in Decap Attack's **Dungeon** story. More trouble at Castle Frank N Stein? Well, it wouldn't be Decap Attack if everything ran smoothly now, would it?

Plus, there's **Fights, Camera, Action** with Amy and Tekno when they encounter a corny film producer. As well as all this, you get a **Screen Idol Graphic Zone**, and a drip dry **Sonic Pin-Up** for your trouble and your wall.

So, join me in two weeks time for top ranking entertainment in the fifth birthday bash issue!

Megadroid

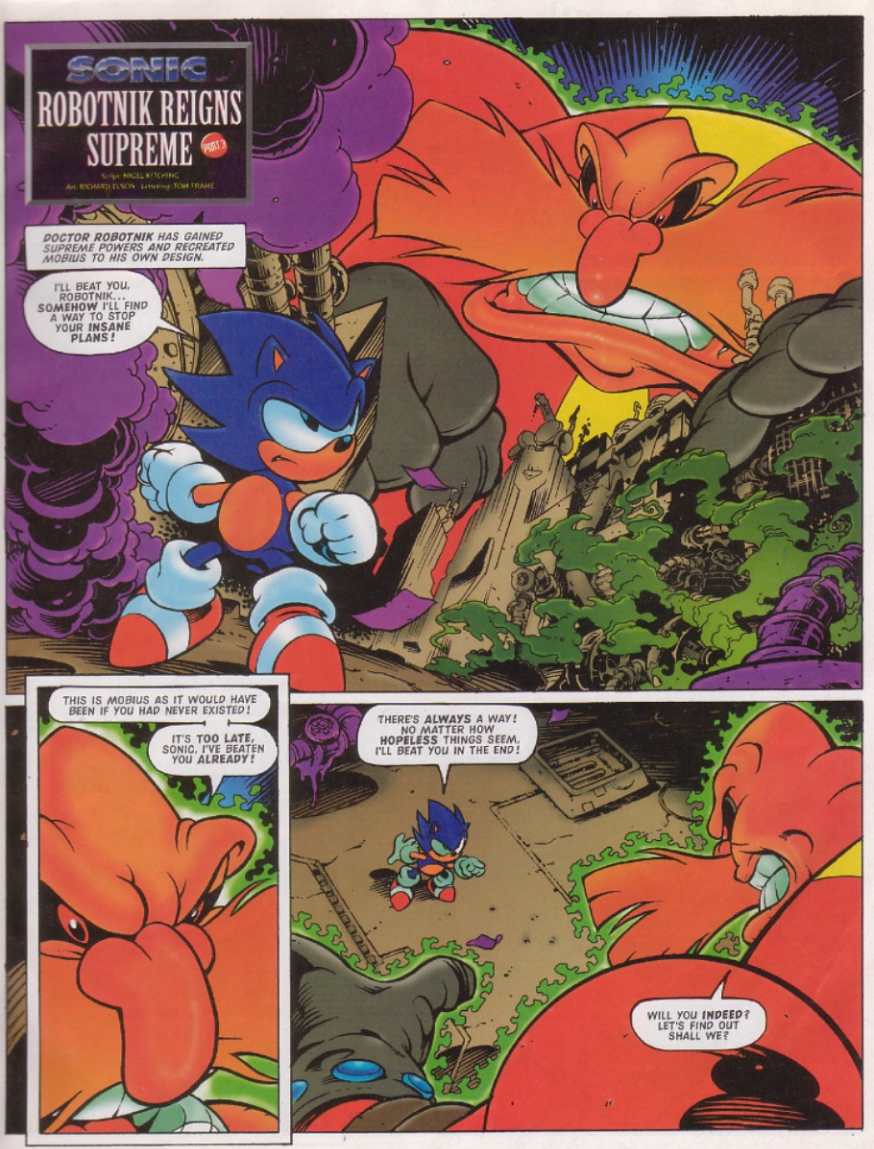
JOIN THE PARTY

FOR *STC*'S BIG F-I-V-E!

It blows my pleasure circuits to tell you that your fave comic is FIVE years old next issue!

To mark this special event, *STC* 130 presents *Showdown* - a mega **17 PAGE SONIC STORY**! There'll also be the first half of a collectable **FRIENDS & FOES POSTER** (Sonic's enemies appear in all their gory in *STC* 131).

No self-respecting Boomer should miss it!


SONIC
ROBOTNIK REIGNS SUPREME
PART 3
Script: NIGEL KITCHING
Art: RICHARD ELSON Lettering: TOM FRAME
DOCTOR ROBOTNIK HAS GAINED SUPREME POWERS AND RECREATED MOBIUS TO HIS OWN DESIGN.
I'LL BEAT YOU, ROBOTNIK... SOMEHOW I'LL FIND A WAY TO STOP YOUR INSANE PLANS!
THIS IS MOBIUS AS IT WOULD HAVE BEEN IF YOU HAD NEVER EXISTED!
IT'S TOO LATE, SONIC. I'VE BEATEN YOU ALREADY!
THERE'S ALWAYS A WAY! NO MATTER HOW HOPELESS THINGS SEEM, I'LL BEAT YOU IN THE END!
WILL YOU INDEED? LET'S FIND OUT SHALL WE?

WWWRUUUUUUU
AHH!
UNH! WHAT'S HAPPENED TO ME? I FEEL STRANGE!
NOT AS STRANGE AS YOU LOOK, OLD SPIKES!
ROBOTNIK 70 YEARS GLORIOUS VICTORIES
ROBOTNIK! HE SEEMS TO HAVE TURNED BACK TO HIS NORMAL SELF... THIS IS MY CHANCE. IF I CAN ONLY CATCH HIM OFF GUARD!
I'VE HAD IT WITH YOU! NOW I'M GOING TO... AGGH!
PATHETIC... TRULY PATHETIC!
I...I DON'T UNDERSTAND... I CAN'T RUN ANYMORE!
THAT WILL BE YOUR ARTHRITIS... YOU'VE BEEN SUFFERING FROM IT FOR YEARS!

SEE? YOU'RE NOT THE HEDGEHOG YOU USED TO BE!
NO, I'M...I'M OLD! ROBOTNIK, WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO ME, YOU MANIAC?
YOU SAID YOU WERE GOING TO BEAT ME IN THE END, REMEMBER?
I'VE SIMPLY TAKEN US SIXTY-FIVE YEARS FORWARD IN TIME, SO WE COULD FIND OUT IF THAT WAS TRUE!
AH, THE CELEBRATIONS ARE BEGINNING! TODAY IS ROBOTNIK DAY, YOU SEE!
CELEBRATIONS... THEY DON'T LOOK VERY HAPPY TO ME!
ROBOTNIK NOW AND FOREVER
YEARS
OF COURSE THEY'RE NOT HAPPY!
WHERE'S THE FUN IN BEING A DICTATOR IF PEOPLE ARE HAPPY ABOUT IT?
SO YOU SEE, HEDGEHOG... YOU ARE NOT GOING TO WIN. YOU ARE GOING TO SPEND SIXTY-FIVE MISERABLE YEARS FIGHTING ME — AND IT WILL ALL BE FOR NOTHING!

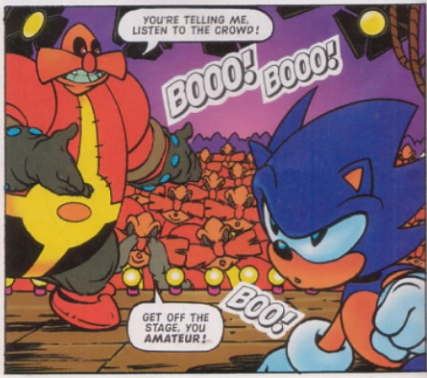
WHAT? I FEEL YOUNG AGAIN!
OF COURSE! WE'RE BACK IN THE PRESENT! YOU DIDN'T THINK I WAS GOING TO MISS OUT ON SIXTY-FIVE YEARS OF HUMILIATING YOU, DID YOU?

NO WAY, ROBOTNIK! NO WAY!
AND NOW IT'S TIME FOR A LITTLE FUN!

UH OH!

RIP!
WHAT?
OH NO. HE'S USELESS!

CALL YOURSELF AN ACTOR? YOU'RE THE WORST SONIC WE'VE EVER HAD IN THIS SHOW
ACTOR, I'M NO ACTOR!

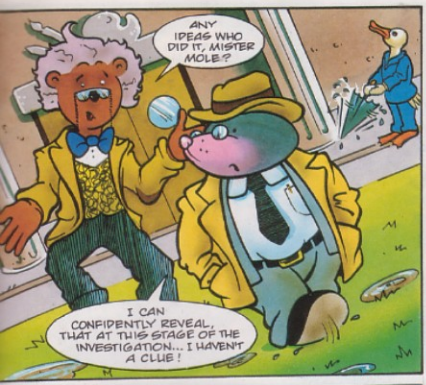

YOU'RE TELLING ME. LISTEN TO THE CROWD!
BOOO!
BOOO!
BOO!
GET OFF THE STAGE, YOU AMATEUR!

CHANGE REALITY ANY WAY YOU LIKE, ROBOTNIK!
WHATEVER YOU DO I'LL STILL FIGHT YOU!
AND SOMEHOW, I'LL WIN!
ORDER! ORDER!
BECAUSE NO MATTER HOW RIDICULOUS THE SITUATION, I'LL NEVER GIVE UP, ROBOTNIK!
I'LL NEVER GIVE UP!
FALLS

TELL YOU WHAT, SONIC... IF YOU SURRENDER NOW I'LL MAKE THINGS EASY FOR YOU. YOU CAN BE MY PERSONAL SLAVE!
DREAM ON, LARD BELLY!
YOU MUST REALISE I'LL WIN EVENTUALLY!
BUT FOR ALL YOUR NEW POWERS, I'D TOTAL YOU IN SECONDS!
SURE. ALL THIS WEIRDNESS IS GIVING ME A HARD TIME. SO WHAT?
IN THE PAST, YOU AND ALL THE OTHER CREEPS LIKE YOU DIDN'T EVEN SLOW ME DOWN!
SO YOU YEARN FOR THE GOOD OLD DAYS, EH?
YOU THINK IF YOU HAD YOUR OLD ENEMIES TO FACE, YOU WOULD WIN EASILY...

SO LET'S SEE HOW YOU GET ON WITH HIM!
METALLIX!
NEXT ISSUE: SONIC FIGHTS ON!

THE MUSEUM OF ARTY ART IN THE ELDORADO ZONE...
WHAAM!
DISASTER! ANOTHER PRICELESS EXHIBIT HAS BEEN STOLEN!
tails
CLEAR AS MUD
Script: LEW STRINGER B & w art: CARL FLINT
Colour: JOHN M BURNS Lettering: ELITTA FELL
I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT! THE DOOR WAS LOCKED AND I WAS OUTSIDE ON DUTY ALL NIGHT!
THEN HOW DO YOU ACCOUNT FOR THE THEFT OF THE BRONZE MONKEY?
PRIVATE DETECTIVE HARRY MOLE IS CALLED IN...
CAN YOU DESCRIBE THIS "BRONZE MONKEY"?
IT'S A STATUE OF A MONKEY, MADE OF BRONZE!
WELL... THAT NARROWS IT DOWN A BIT!
DIDN'T THE SECURITY SYSTEMS TRIGGER ANY ALARMS?
SABOTAGE, I'M AFRAID! THE CAMERAS WERE CLEVERLY OBSCURED!


ANY IDEAS WHO DID IT, MISTER MOLE?
I CAN CONFIDENTLY REVEAL, THAT AT THIS STAGE OF THE INVESTIGATION... I HAVENT A CLUE!

HMM... IT'S LUCKY I SENT FOR A SECOND OPINION THEN!
TAILS! GREAT TO MEET YOU! I WORKED WITH YOUR FRIEND SONIC ONCE!*
* SEE STC 101 + 102 - Megadroid.

HE'S A TOP BUDDY, YOU KNOW!
I FOUND HIM A BIT ABRUPT MYSELF!
Ahem. IF YOU MUST COMPARE NOTES, COULD IT BE ABOUT THIS CASE?

LATER...
OKAY, THE DOORS ARE LOCKED, SO NOBODY IS GOING TO GET IN HERE TONIGHT!

DON'T BET ON IT!
Sigh. THIS IS DOING NOTHING FOR MY REPUTATION!

FOOLS! A LOCKED DOOR CAN'T STOP ME, LOOT THE TREASURE SEEKER!
WHY DO VILLAINS' NAMES ALWAYS SOUND SO CORNY?
OH RIGHT, UNLIKE YOUR NAMES, YOU WITLESS DOLTS!
WELL, US "WITLESS DOLTS" HAVE YOU CORNERED!
AH, BUT I CAN TRAVEL FAR BEYOND YOUR REACH! FAREWELL, FOOLS!
STOP HIM! HE'S STEALING THE GOLDEN HANDSHAKE!
HE'S VANISHED!
DON'T TELL ME HE HAS THE POWER TO TELEPORT FROM ONE PLACE TO ANOTHER!
QUICK! MAYBE HE'S REAPPEARED OUTSIDE!

IT'S USELESS! HE COULD BE ANYWHERE!
GREAT! TWO SO-CALLED HEROES ON THE CASE, AND NOT A CLUE BETWEEN THEM!
HE COULD HAVE TELEPORTED TO THE OTHER SIDE OF THE PLANET FOR ALL WE KNOW!
MAYBE HE'S CLOSER THAN YOU THINK!
A BIT OF MUD-SLINGING SHOULD SOLVE THE MYSTERY!
WHIRRR!
SPLATTER!
TA-DAA!
HEY! THIS IS MY BEST BURGLAR OUTFIT!
IT SUDDENLY BECOMES CLEAR!
OLD STICKY FINGERS HADN'T TELEPORTED AT ALL! HE'S A CHAMELEON LIKE ESPIO!* HE'D SIMPLY TURNED INVISIBLE!
*ESPIO IS ONE OF THE CHAOTIX CREW. - Megadroid.

YOU HAVEN'T WON, HEROES! I'LL JUST BECOME INVISIBLE AGAIN AND ESCAPE UNSEEN!
WHOA! WHO LEFT THAT THERE?
I'M A MOLE, THAT'S A MOLEHILL... YOU WORK IT OUT!
CASE CLOSED...
GOOD WORKING WITH YOU, HARRY! CAN I DROP YOU HOME?
THANKS, BUT I PREFER TO USE THE UNDERGROUND!
I STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW THE TREASURE SEEKER GOT THROUGH A LOCKED DOOR!
HE DIDN'T! HE ENTERED THE MUSEUM INVISIBLE DURING OPENING HOURS, AND LEFT WHEN YOU OPENED UP NEXT MORNING!
SO, HE WANTED US TO THINK HE COULD TELEPORT, TO THROW US OFF TRACK! GOOD JOB YOU SAW HIS FOOTPRINTS, TAILS!
YEAH, IT WAS A DEVIOUS PLAN, BUT I SAW RIGHT THROUGH IT!
THE END.

NEXT ISSUE: 17 PAGES OF SONIC HIGH SPEED ACTION!

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Stephanie Simpson,
South Shields.
Enamel Badge Prize Winner.

IN A SPIN

Dear Megadroid,

I recently thought about Sonic's Superspin and there's something bothering me. I chose to ask you as it seems you know everything about Sonic. OK, here's the scene - when Sonic's in a superspin, he curls up into a ball and travels at 2,000 miles per hour. So how does he know where he's going as surely the world must become a blur to him?

Eleanor Potter,
Market Lavington, Wiltshire.
Enamel Badge Prize Winner.

No more of a blur than it is to the rest of us, Eleanor! Actually Sonic approaches each spin with extreme skill and judgement. In this area, he thinks before taking action.

FAT CHANCE

Dear STC,

I would like to know why you don't have Sonic meet the Tele Tubbies or Dennis the Menace?

Lee Adams,
Basildon, Essex.
Enamel Badge Prize Winner.

But Lee, STC has its very own overweight troublemaker. No, I don't mean one of the creators, I'm talking about that old rogue himself, Doctor Robotnik!

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Be sure to include your snail mail (postal) address if you want to win a prize!

BIRTHDAY BINGE

Dear Megadroid,

Richard Elson is my favourite artist, but I wish he wouldn't just do Sonic strips in the comic. I think he should do a Knuckles strip for once, since he hasn't drawn one for a very long time!

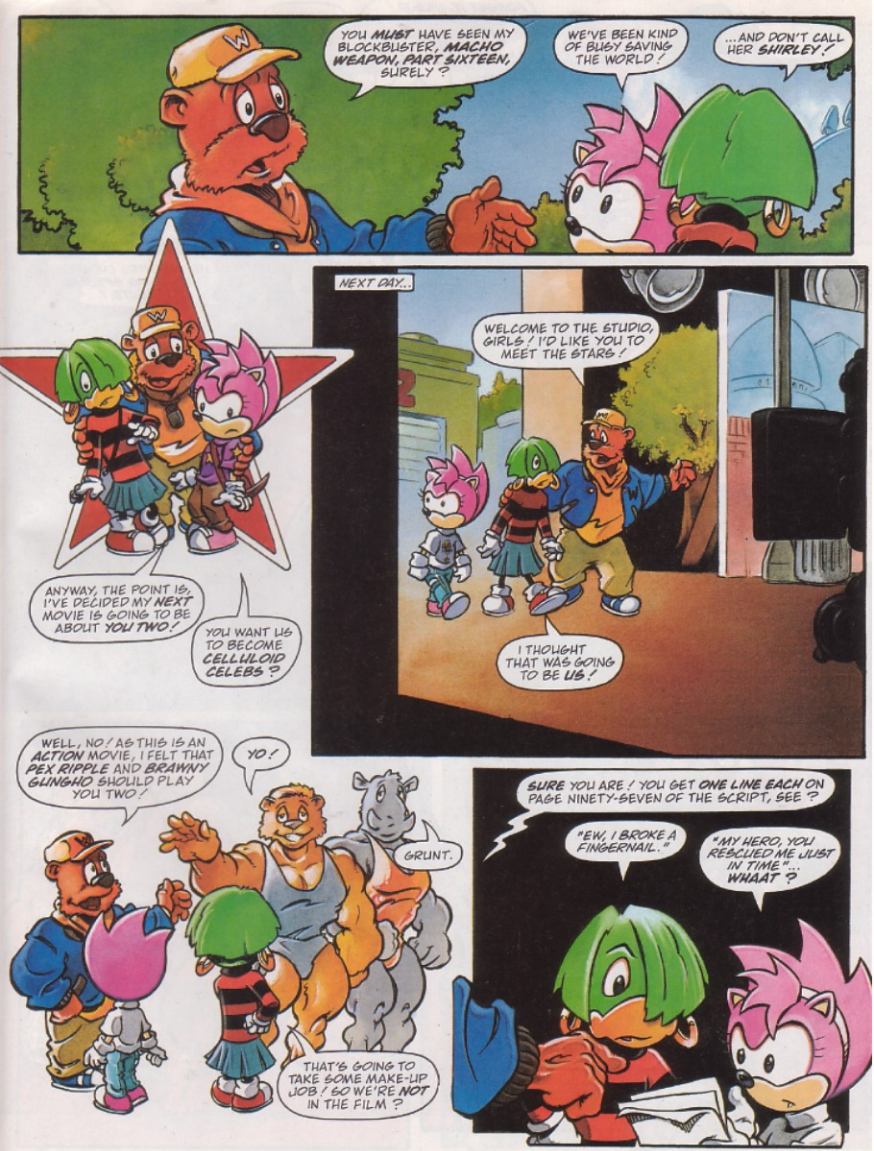
Steven Stanley,
Maidstone, Kent.
Enamel Badge Prize Winner.

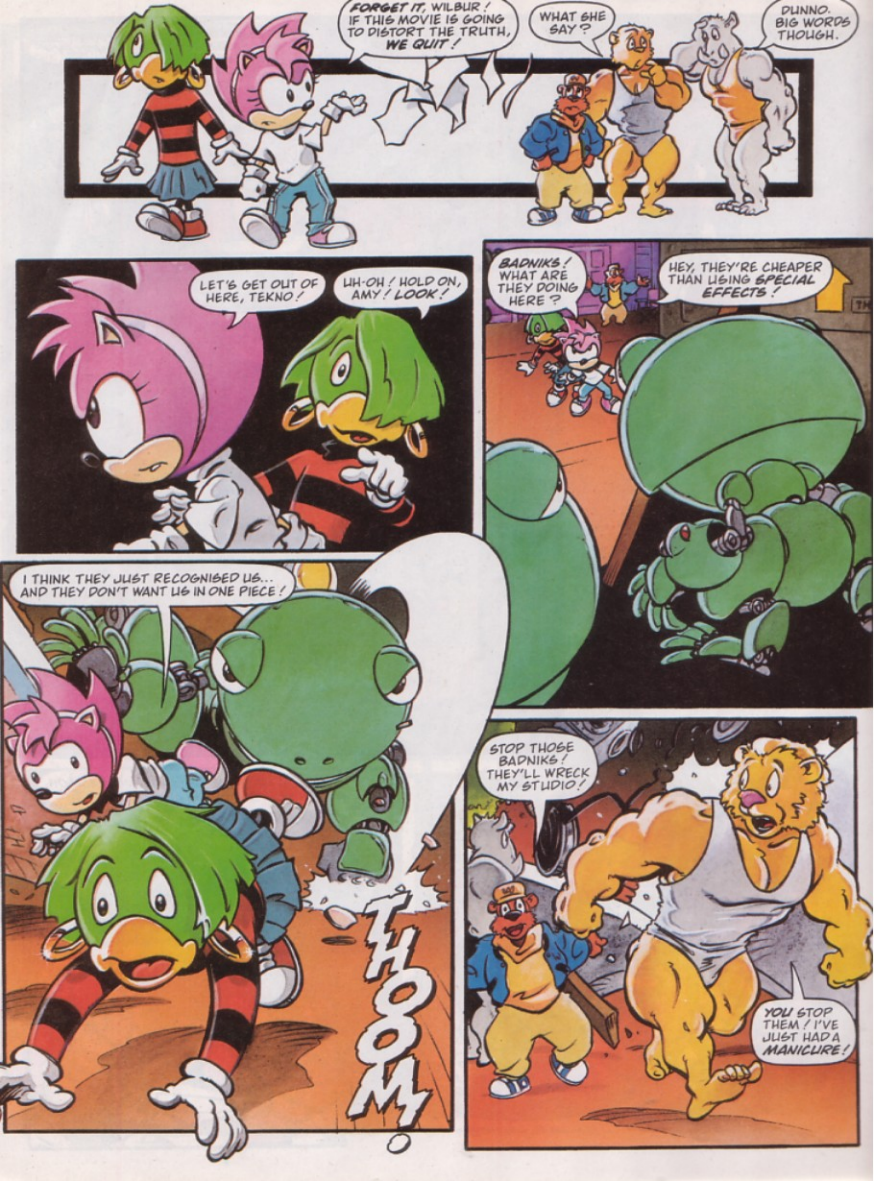
You'll get to gorge yourself in next issue's birthday extravaganza, Steven. Richard Elson is the artist on three of the comic strip stories, including a five pager starring Knuckles. How's that for a surprise special birthday treat!

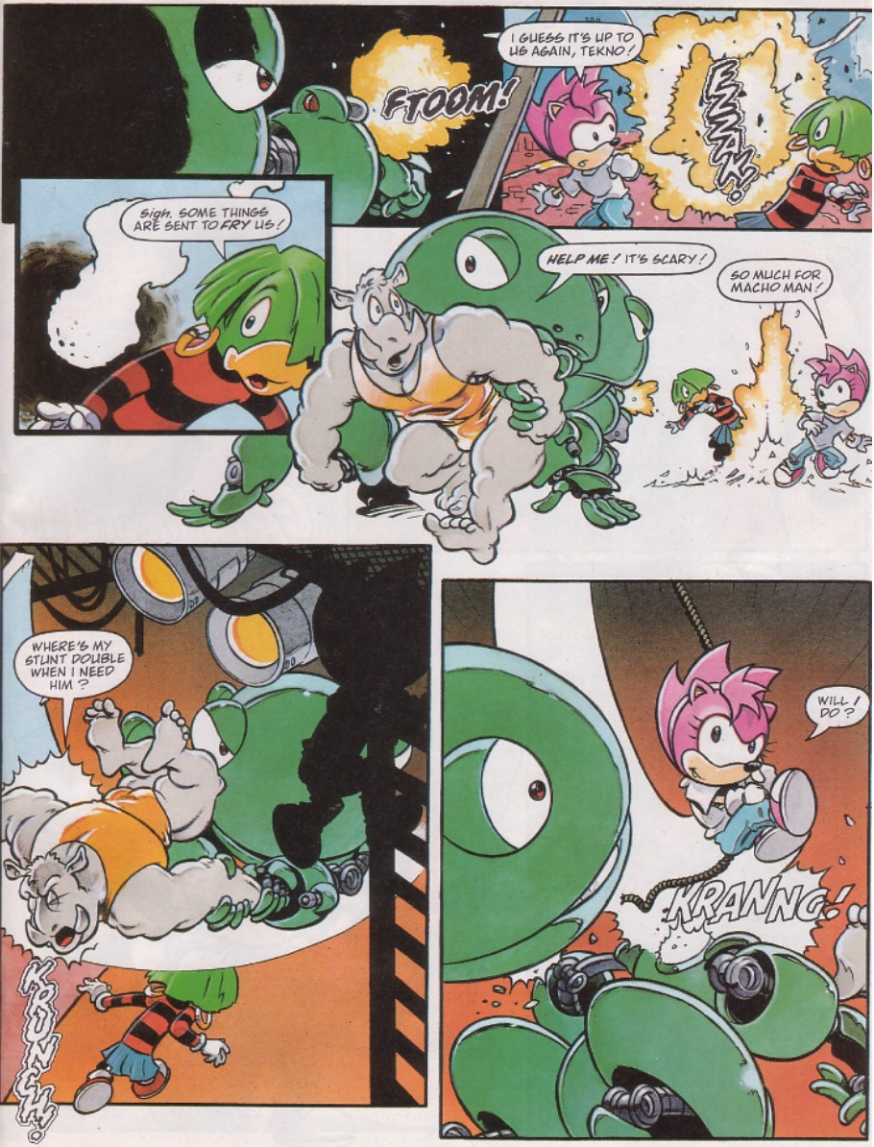
Rhiannon Crispin,
Newport, Wales.
Enamel Badge Prize Winner.

Join in the celebrations next issue!

THE CLOSE OF ANOTHER HARD DAY FOR TWO OF PLANET MOBIUS' FREEDOM FIGHTERS...
MY DATACHIP SCRAMBLER HAS SHUT DOWN D.R.A.T.'S LATEST PLANS FOR ZONE DOMINATION! *
IN OTHER WORDS, JOB DONE!
* D.R.A.T.: THE DOCTOR ROBOTNIK APPRECIATION TRIBE. - Megadroid.
AMY
FIGHTS, CAMERA ACTION
Script: LEW STRINGER
Art: NIGEL DOBBYN Lettering: GORDON ROBSON
I AM NOT JUST ONE OF THE PUBLIC! I AM WILBUR Z. SPROCKETHOLE THE THIRD! THE WORLD'S GREATEST FILM PRODUCER!
WHO?
AMY! TEKNO! THE WAY YOU SAVED US ALL WAS FANTASTIC!
THANKS, BUT YOU'D BETTER KEEP BACK! IT MIGHT NOT BE SAFE FOR THE PUBLIC YET!


YOU MUST HAVE SEEN MY BLOCKBUSTER, MACHO WEAPON, PART SIXTEEN, SURELY ?
WE'VE BEEN KIND OF BUSY SAVING THE WORLD !
...AND DON'T CALL HER SHIRLEY !
ANYWAY, THE POINT IS, I'VE DECIDED MY NEXT MOVIE IS GOING TO BE ABOUT YOU TWO !
YOU WANT US TO BECOME CELLULOID CELEBS ?
NEXT DAY..
WELCOME TO THE STUDIO, GIRLS ! I'D LIKE YOU TO MEET THE STARS !
I THOUGHT THAT WAS GOING TO BE US !
WELL, NO ! AS THIS IS AN ACTION MOVIE, I FELT THAT PEX RIPPLE AND BRAWNY GLINGHO SHOULD PLAY YOU TWO !
YO !
GRUNT.
THAT'S GOING TO TAKE SOME MAKE-UP JOB ! SO WE'RE NOT IN THE FILM ?
SURE YOU ARE ! YOU GET ONE LINE EACH ON PAGE NINETY-SEVEN OF THE SCRIPT, SEE ?
"EW, I BROKE A FINGERNAIL."
"MY HERO, YOU RESCUED ME JUST IN TIME". WHAAT ?


FORGET IT, WILBUR! IF THIS MOVIE IS GOING TO DISTORT THE TRUTH, WE QUIT!
WHAT SHE SAY?
DUNNO. BIG WORDS THOUGH.
LET'S GET OUT OF HERE, TEKNO!
UH-OH! HOLD ON, AMY! LOOK!
BADNIKS! WHAT ARE THEY DOING HERE?
HEY, THEY'RE CHEAPER THAN USING SPECIAL EFFECTS!
I THINK THEY JUST RECOGNISED US... AND THEY DON'T WANT US IN ONE PIECE!
THOOM!
STOP THOSE BADNIKS! THEY'LL WRECK MY STUDIO!
YOU STOP THEM! I'VE JUST HAD A MANICURE!


FTOOM!
I GUESS IT'S UP TO US AGAIN, TEKNO!
EZZH!
Sigh. SOME THINGS ARE SENT TO FRY US!
HELP ME! IT'S SCARY!
SO MUCH FOR MACHO MAN!
WHERE'S MY STUNT DOUBLE WHEN I NEED HIM?
KRUNCH!
WILL I DO?
KRANNG!

BZZT! CANNOT LOCATE ENEMY-- vzzt...
SKAAAG--!
WOW! YOU RESCUED ME JUST IN TIME!
I'M NOT SURE CINEMAGOERS WILL THANK ME FOR THAT!
CRRASHH!
SO MUCH FOR SAVING MONEY! MY STUDIO IS RUINED!
SO YOU WON'T BE MAKING YOUR DISASTER MOVIE AFTER ALL?
HMPH! IT WASN'T GOING TO BE THAT TYPE OF MOVIE!
WE READ THE SCRIPT, PAL! TRUST ME, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN A REAL DISASTER!
THE END

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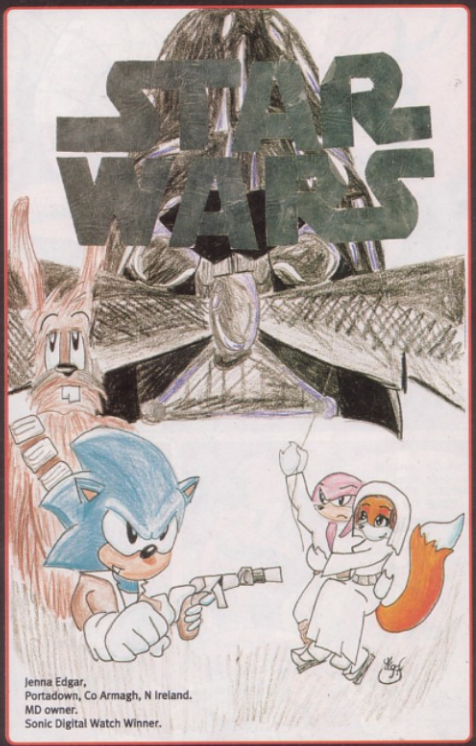

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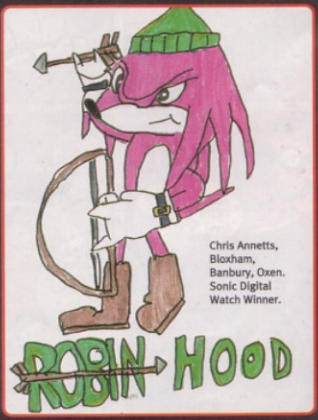

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Knuckles tries his hand at Bond!

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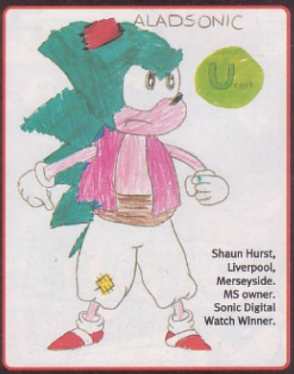

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Decap Attack

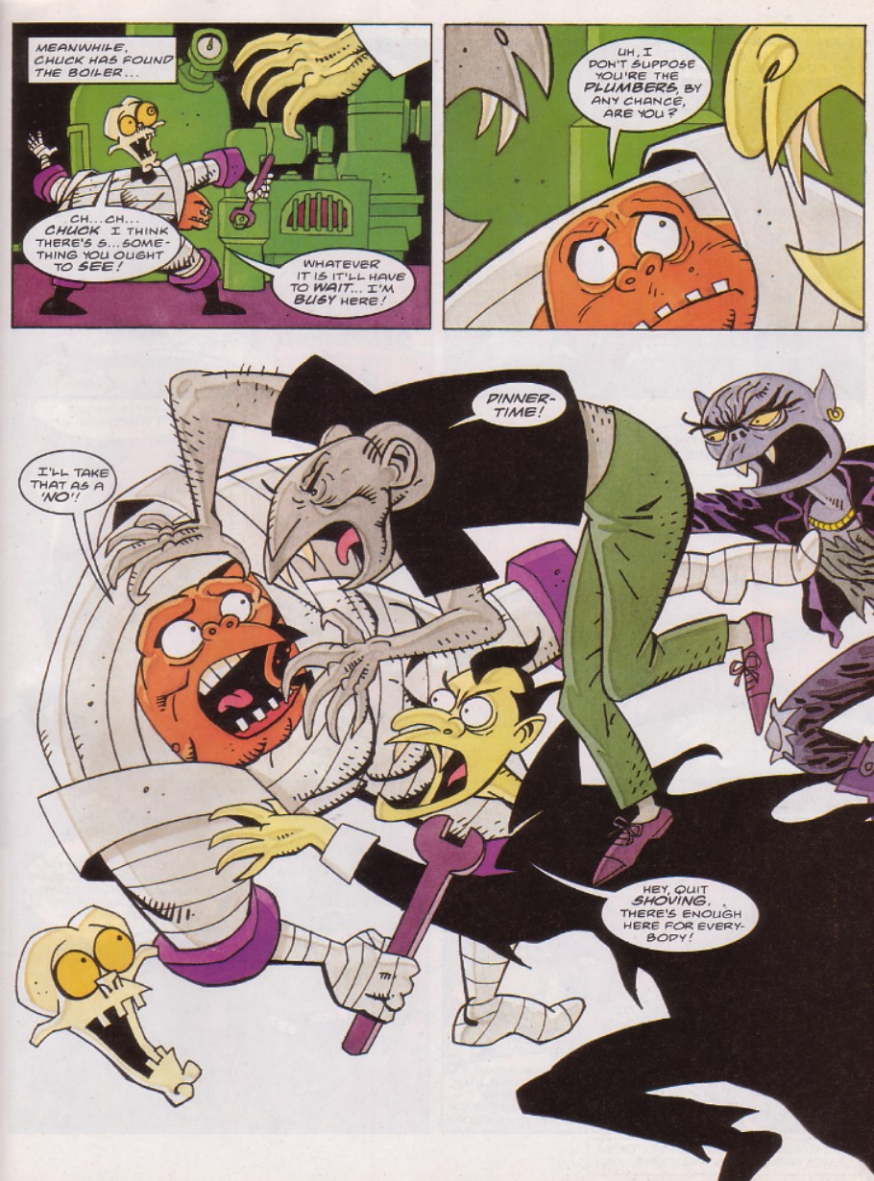
THE DUNGEON

Script & art: NIGEL KITCHING
Lettering: ELLIE DE' VILLE

new complete story

CASTLE FRANK N. STEIN'S HEATING SYSTEM IS ACTING UP AGAIN.
CAREFUL CHUCK, REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED WHEN YOU TRIED TO REPAIR THE DISH WASHER.
SHUT UP HEAD, I KNOW WHAT I'M DOING.
TUNK!
WHOOOM!
THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED..
WELL CHUCK, YOU'D BETTER GO DOWN INTO THE DUNGEON AND CHECK OUT THE BOILER!
NOT... NOT THE DUNGEON!

IF YOU'RE NOT BACK IN A COUPLE OF DAYS, MAYBE I'LL SEND FOR A PLUMBER!
CHUCK I DON'T WANT TO GO, PLEASE DON'T MAKE ME!
LISTEN HEAD, I'M SURE THAT THE STRANGE NOISES WE SOMETIMES HEAR AT NIGHT IS JUST THE WIND... OR SOMETHING!
I ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT WAS YOUR STOMACH!
WELL, DID ANYTHING ARRIVE YET?
WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR AGES!
HEY, TAKE IT EASY GUYS, IT'S ON ITS WAY!
HOME DELIVERY... THIS SURE BEATS HAVING TO GO OUT TO EAT!


MEANWHILE, CHUCK HAS FOUND THE BOILER...
CH...CH... CHUCK I THINK THERE'S S...SOMETHING YOU OUGHT TO SEE!
WHATEVER IT IS IT'LL HAVE TO WAIT... I'M BUSY HERE!
UH, I DON'T SUPPOSE YOU'RE THE PLUMBERS, BY ANY CHANCE, ARE YOU?
I'LL TAKE THAT AS A 'NO'!
DINNER-TIME!
HEY, QUIT SHOVING, THERE'S ENOUGH HERE FOR EVERY-BODY!

I'LL NEED MY BIG TEETH IN FOR THIS CHARACTER!
HOLD STILL... THIS'LL ONLY HURT FOR A SECOND!
CHEW ON THIS, GERBIL-BREATH!
BOP!
GOT HIM, LET'S GET STUCK IN!
URK!
OKAY, WE'LL HAVE SOME NOW, THEN WE'LL HAVE HIM COLD ON MONDAY, AND THERE MIGHT EVEN BE ENOUGH LEFT OVER TO MAKE A LITTLE SOUP ON TUESDAY.
HAH, I DON'T KNOW WHY I DIDN'T THINK OF SENDING OLD ORANGE-BONCE DOWN TO THE CASTLE VAMPIRES BEFORE!

DANG!
CHUCK, SPEAK TO ME, ARE YOU OKAY?
I'VE HAD BETTER DAYS, ACTUALLY...
ADMIT IT, IGOR... YOU SET ME UP!
YOU MEAN YOU THINK I SABOTAGED THE HEATING SYSTEM AND THEN TOLD THE VAMPIRES TO EXPECT LUNCH? WOULD I DO THAT?
AND DO YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU'RE BITTEN BY A VAMPIRE?
UH OH!
AAAAGHH!
KEEP HIM AWAY! DON'T LET HIM GET ME!
CHUCK, I'LL NEVER COMPLAIN ABOUT YOU EATING GARLIC AGAIN!
CHUCK, SINCE VEN DID YOU START WEARING FALSE TEETH?
IT'S A LONG STORY!
YOU KNOW... SOMETIMES, I HAVEN'T EIN CLUE VOT IST GOING ON AROUND HERE!
END

NEXT ISSUE: DECAP HAVE THEIR OWN BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS!

NEXT ISSUE

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FIVE YEARS OF STC

PLUS

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